



Fairfax Area Commission on Aging

2006 Workplan

Focus

Special Interests

*Final, as adopted by the Commission on Aging at their
December 21, 2005 Meeting.*

Focus

To Advocate for the Needs of Fairfax County, Fairfax City and Falls Church City Seniors

Action: Provide input on senior concerns to Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

How

- Review meeting agendas and minutes for issues affecting seniors.
- Attend meetings, testify at hearings and/or provide written input.

Responsibility

- Commissioners: each Commissioner will follow one or two organizations.

Action: Provide input on senior concerns to County and City Agencies

How

- Monitor activities of agencies for issues affecting seniors.
- Testify at hearings, submit written testimony, write letters from Commission.

Responsibility

- Staff: will monitor and bring to attention of Commission.
- Commissioners: will testify and/or submit written testimony and/or letters.

Action: Urge Supervisors to address needs of seniors

How

- Periodic communication with Supervisors (visits, e-mail)
- Testimony at budget hearings
- Sponsor Older Americans Month Proclamation

Responsibility

- Commissioners: will adopt positions on critical issues and will communicate positions to Supervisors.

Focus (cont).

Action: Promote senior interests with other advocacy groups (e.g. AHOME, Faith Communities in Action)

How

- Review meeting agendas and minutes for issues affecting seniors.
- Participate in meetings and hearings and/or provide written input.

Responsibility

- Commissioners: will monitor organizations.

Action: Participate in other closely allied organizations, e.g. LTCCC, NVAN

How

- Participate as members of these groups.

Responsibility

- Designated Commissioners

Action: Issue an annual report at end of year and develop a work plan for 2007

Responsibility: Commissioners, with staff support

Special Interests

- Medicare prescription drug plan
- Disaster Preparedness
- Development of 501(c) 3
- Free Assessments for Seniors
- Universal Design and Accessibility
- Assistive technology fair (Libraries)
- Outreach to Seniors and Caregivers
- Outreach and specialized programs for ethnic groups
- Development of New Programs for Seniors: County, Cities, or Private Sector